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I used this opportunity to mention to Nedzi that we were preparing for delivery to him today a letter from Mr. Colby transmitting a cabled response which we had requested from Dick Helms to allegations in the press regarding his 28 June 1972 memorandum to General Walters on the Watergate affair. I passed on to Nedzi some additional personal views of Helms and also alerted him to the possibility that Senator Stuart Symington, Acting Chairman, Armed Services Committee, might release the text of the 28 June 1972 Helms memorandum.

We discussed this matter at some length, with Nedzi concluding that he was not uncomfortable with the present situation and thought that no purpose would be served by any further public discussion of the matter. See Memorandum for the Record.

Committee staff, called to say that he had received an advance copy of the new issue of Aviation Week magazine which carries a story by Cecil Brownlow entitled "Soviets Poise Three-Front Global Drive." Slatinshek said the article indicated that the Soviets have equiped three locations with Scud missiles: one in Vietnam, one in Cuba, and one in the Middle East, for the purpose of launching a simultaneous attack. Slatinshek said the article also states that the intelligence community has been well aware of this and had deliberately withheld it from the Congress. He asked if we would prepare a commentary on the article for the Committee's information.

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